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SUBJ: NUNN AMENDMENT REPORT, DECLASSIFICATION OF TABLE OF PAGE 6

REF: A. USNATO 5384 DTG 021800Z OCT 75

B. USNATO 5388 031305Z OCT 75

C. STATE 229600 252338Z SEP 75

D. USNATO 2240 DTG 231745 APR 75

E. STATE 236879 040021Z OCT 75

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF GUIDANCE IN REF E, MISSION PROVIDED  
IN REFS A AND B UK AND FRG VIEWS ON PROPOSED DECLAS-  
SIFICATION OF THE TABLE ON PAGE 6 OF THE NUNN NUCLEAR REPORT  
(REF C). WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING VIEWS FROM OTHER  
DELEGATIONS:

(A) BELGIUM. BELGIAN DEL RESPONDED BY CALLING ATTENTION TO  
AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE'S LETTER OF APRIL 22, 1975 (REF D) IN  
WHICH HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACT THAT DE-  
CLASSIFICATION OF THE TABLE ON PAGE 6 COULD HAVE ON MBFR, AND ON  
PUBLIC AND PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE BUDGETS. BELGIAN  
DEL STATED THAT THESE CONCERNS APPLY FULLY TO THE PROPOSED  
DECLASSIFICATION CIRCULATED BY USNATO, AND ASKED US AUTHORITIES TO  
TAKE BELGIAN VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING RESPONSE  
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TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST.

(B) NETHERLANDS NETHERLANDS DELEGATION INFORMED US THAT  
"SENIOR AUTHORITIES" IN THE HAGUE BELIEVED THAT THE PROPOSED

DECLASSIFIED TABLE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NATO DEFENSE EFFORTS. THEY BELIEVED THAT PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE TABLE SEEMED CONTRARY TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN ALLIANCE CONVENTIONAL

CAPABILITIES. THEY THOUGHT THE BASIS OF THE MANPOWER FIGURES WAS UNCLEAR, E.G., WERE FIGURES M-DAY, OR M PLUS 10, DTC.? THEY BELIEVED INCLUSION OF FRENCH FORCES COULD GIVE FALSE IMPRESSION. IN SHORT, THEY THOUGHT RELEASE OF THE PROPOSED TABLE WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE WITHOUT FURTHER EXPLANATIONS. NETHERLANDS DELEGATION ADDED THAT A COMMITTEE DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT ON DECLASSIFIED VERSION OF NUNN REPORT WAS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 8, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE TABLE, IF CARRIED OUT, COULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.

(C) ITALY. ITALIAN DELEGATION SAID THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF THE PROPOSED DECLASSIFIED TABLE.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED RESPONSES FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, UK, AND FRG HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF THE PROPOSED DECLASSIFIED TABLE, WE WELCOME WASHINGTON DECISION INDICATED IN REF E NOT TO PROVIDE THE PROPOSED DECLASSIFIED TABLE TO SENATOR GRAVEL AT THIS TIME. WE WILL ADVISE ALLIES OF THIS DECISION. END COMMENT.  
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